

Off Poros 25 August 1827.

Gentlemen,

The intelligence, which I have received from various quarters does not admit of my delaying and moment to solicit that you will immediately adopt the most energetic measures to cause the vessels which I have so long required to be completed, together with all the fireships that are fit for use, to which you may add (if you judge necessary) two or three aid vessels, if such are in your port, for the especial purpose of defending your island.

Dr Gosse and the commission have my directions to supply the brigs of war & the two ships formerly ordered each with six weeks bread, & such other articles of food as they may have in store.

The fireships which are to accompany the squadron are to be supplied with a month's provisions.

I have now to add that I shall cause [1] to be paid amount to the owners any additional brigs of war, the sum of 2000 dollars in order that may be held ready for the brave islanders to embark in on the appearance of an enemy and so perform their duty to their families & to their country.

Under, such circumstances it is unnecessary to stipulate for pay. I shall nevertheless add, that if these last mentioned ten vessels be required to perform other or more distant service, they shall receive pay.

An allowance shall be made for equipping the fire vessels adequate to the real amount necessary for their outfit, but you will agree with me that circumstances require that all possible economy should be ~~that of profit being made by the individual who shall superintend~~ attended to the preparing of these vessels. [2]

~~I again urge all possible disposal~~ I proceed in the Hellas to I point where I shall obtain certain intelligence of the movements & intentions of the enemy.

~~Αι ειδήσεις τας οποίας έλαβα από διάφορα μέρη δεν με συγχωρούν να χάσω μίαν στιγμήν. Αι εκ διαφόρων μερών ειδήσεις καταστένουν περιττόν πάσαν παρακίνησιν διά να μεταχειρισθήτε την μεγαλητέραν δραστηριότητα εις την ετοιμασίαν των~~